

(c) whether many of these grain banks are actually functioning on the ground and which agency is monitoring their activities?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is being collected.

Transfer of tribal land

539. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry and different State Governments are facilitating transfer of tribal land to various companies in the name of development and industrialization;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that although there was a very specific provision in the Constitution for protection of tribal land, it is being violated by the authorities in connivance with industrial houses;

(d) if so, the comments of Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps Government are taking for the development of tribal men and women, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is meant to protect the rights of tribals. It does not act against their interests by facilitating transfer of tribal land to non-tribals.

(b) to (d) Information relating to different State Governments is being collected.

(e) Besides the sectoral programmes and schemes of the Government of India which are expected to take care of the tribals along with other groups and the general population, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has the following major schemes relating to the Central Sector, Centrally Sponsored and Special Areas Programme for the development of tribals:

Central Sector Scheme

1. Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching and Allied and award for exemplary service.
2. Vocational Training in Tribal areas.
3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets.
4. Grant-in-Aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations for Minor Forest Produce.
5. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.
6. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribes Students. Centrally Sponsored Scheme
7. Scheme of Post Matric, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students.
8. Girls Hostel and Boys Hostel for Scheduled Tribes.
9. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan areas.
10. Research Information and Mass Education, Tribal Festival and Others.

Special Area Programmes

11. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan.
12. Grant-in-Aid under Article 275(1) of the Constitution.

The schemes apply to all States/UTs except Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

The Government has also prepared a draft National Tribal Policy which provides a framework for the protection and development of tribals.

Schemes for tribal people

540. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any tribal schemes have been launched by Government in the country particularly in the State of Sikkim during the last three years for providing education to the tribal people;